## **Federal Communications Commission**

## Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of	)	
Alliance Communications Group	)	
Licensee of Radio Station of WQCT353	ĺ	File No.: EB-FIELDWR-14-00016597
Los Angeles, California	)	NOV No.: V201432900027

## NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Released: July 29, 2014

By the District Director, Los Angeles Office, Western Region, Enforcement Bureau:

- 1. This is a Notice of Violation (Notice) issued pursuant to Section 1.89 of the Commission's rules (Rules)<sup>1</sup> to Alliance Communications Group (Alliance), licensee of radio station WQCT353 in Los Angeles, California. Pursuant to Section 1.89(a) of the Rules, issuance of this Notice does not preclude the Enforcement Bureau from further action if warranted, including issuing a Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture for the violation noted herein.<sup>2</sup>
- 2. On April 11, 2014, an agent of the Enforcement Bureau's Los Angeles Office, in response to a complaint, monitored the frequency 451.575 MHz and used direction finding techniques to locate the radio station WQCT353 at Contractor's Point located near San Fernando, California (approximately 34° 20' 33" north latitude and 118° 24' 23" west longitude) and observed the following violation:
  - a. 47 C.F.R. § 90.425(a): "Except as provided for in paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section, each station or system shall be identified by the transmission of the assigned call sign during each transmission or exchange of transmissions, or once each 15 minutes (30 minutes in the Public Safety Pool) during periods of continuous operation." At the time of the monitoring, no identification of the station was observed.
- 3. On June 18, 2014, agents of the Enforcement Bureau's Los Angeles Office inspected radio station WQCT353 located at the Contractor's Point and observed the following violations:
  - a. 47 C.F.R. § 1.903(a): "Stations in the Wireless Radio Services must be used and operated only in accordance with the rules applicable to their particular service as set forth in this title and with a valid authorization granted by the Commission under the provisions of this part..." At the time of the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.89.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.89(a).

inspection, the WQCT353 license did not authorize a fixed transmitter to be located at the Contractor's Point radio site.

- b. 47 C.F.R. § 1.903(a): "Stations in the Wireless Radio Services must be used and operated only in accordance with the rules applicable to their particular service as set forth in this title and with a valid authorization granted by the Commission under the provisions of this part..." At the time of inspection, WQCT353 was authorized to operate on frequency 451.575 MHz with an effective radiated power (ERP) of 9 watts and a transmitter power output (TPO) of 75 watts. The agent measured a transmitter output power of 50 watts and, taking into account the transmission line loss and antenna gain, given the antenna in use, the ERP power was calculated to be 125 watts which exceeds the licensed value by 11.4 dB.
- 4. Pursuant to Section 308(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,<sup>3</sup> and Section 1.89 of the Rules, we seek additional information concerning the violations and any remedial actions taken. Therefore, Alliance must submit a written statement concerning this matter within twenty (20) days of release of this Notice. The response (i) must fully explain each violation, including all relevant surrounding facts and circumstances, (ii) must contain a statement of the specific action(s) taken to correct each violation and preclude recurrence, and (iii) must include a time line for completion of any pending corrective action(s). The response must be complete in itself and must not be abbreviated by reference to other communications or answers to other notices.<sup>4</sup>
- 5. In accordance with Section 1.16 of the Rules, we direct Alliance to support its response to this Notice with an affidavit or declaration under penalty of perjury, signed and dated by an authorized officer of Alliance with personal knowledge of the representations provided in Alliance's response, verifying the truth and accuracy of the information therein,<sup>5</sup> and confirming that all of the information requested by this Notice which is in the licensee's possession, custody, control, or knowledge has been produced. To knowingly and willfully make any false statement or conceal any material fact in reply to this Notice is punishable by fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the U.S. Code.<sup>6</sup>
- 6. All replies and documentation sent in response to this Notice should be marked with the File No. and NOV No. specified above, and mailed to the following address:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 308(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.89(c).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Section 1.16 of the Rules provides that "[a]ny document to be filed with the Federal Communications Commission and which is required by any law, rule or other regulation of the United States to be supported, evidenced, established or proved by a written sworn declaration, verification, certificate, statement, oath or affidavit by the person making the same, may be supported, evidenced, established or proved by the unsworn declaration, certification, verification, or statement in writing of such person . . . . Such declaration shall be subscribed by the declarant as true under penalty of perjury, and dated, in substantially the following form . . . : 'I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on (date). (Signature)'." 47 C.F.R. § 1.16.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 18 U.S.C. § 1001 et seq. See also 47 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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- 7. This Notice shall be sent to Alliance Communications Group, at its address of record.
- 8. The Privacy Act of 1974<sup>7</sup> requires that we advise you that the Commission will use all relevant material information before it, including any information disclosed in your reply, to determine what, if any, enforcement action is required to ensure compliance.

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Charles A. Cooper District Director Los Angeles Office Western Region Enforcement Bureau

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> P.L. 93-579, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3).